Committee. Apart from this, the Government has set up a Permanent Machinery of Arbitration in the Department of Public Enterprises to settle all commercial disputes between the Public Sector Enterprises interse as well as between a Public Sector Enterprise and a Government Department.

(c) and (d) Appeals are filed by the Government Departments after obtaining legal opinion from the Department of Legal Affairs. Special Leave Petitions before the Supreme Court are filed only after obtaining the opinion of Law Officers viz. Attorney General, Solicitor General, Additional Solicitor General.

News-Item "Supreme Court offered method to speed up trial"

2458. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "the Supreme Court offered method to speed up trial" which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 23rd February, 2001;

(b) if so, what are the comments of Government; and

(c) how Government propose to reduce the time taken to dispose of a particular case or trial?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Government has noted the direction of the Apex Court how to tackle objections raised during recording of evidence and how to expedite implementation of orders of the trial courts.

(c) The Government can not single out a case or trial to reduce the time taken as it relates to substantive judicial functions of judges. However, both the Government and Judiciary are concerned with the mounting backlog of cases in courts. Government has taken various steps on the suggestions of the Law Commission, Arrears Committee etc. to reduce the time taken in disposal of cases or trials. The Government has also proposed amendments in procedural laws including the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, for speedy disposal of cases.